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REF A. MSN 9058A

B. PROJECT HDQTRS DIRECTIVE 50-205502, DTD 1 MAY 62

C. PROJECT CONTROL CENTER DIRECTIVE 55-100-4, DTD 1 AUG 63 Grace (File)

D. [] 0815 (IN 90064 - IN 3484)

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1. PLS ADVISE [] WHO INDICATED THAT [] HAS EXPRESSED
A LACK OF INTEREST IN TITLING OF ARGON PRODUCT AND IN PREPARATION
[] MESSAGES SINCE [] UNDERSTANDS THAT IT HAS NO
RESPONSIBILITY FOR HANDLING OF THESE ITEMS. THE FOLLOWING REVIEW
OF EVENTS WHICH OCCURRED MAY CLARIFY SITUATION WHICH EXISTS.

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2. REF B WAS ESTABLISHED PRIOR TO TIME OF FIRST ARGON SHOT.
AT THAT TIME IT WAS AGREED WITH OSA THAT [] WOULD SEND PERSONNEL
[] TO ASSIST IN PROCESSING AND TO PREPARE 42 MESSAGE. SHORTLY
FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF FIRST ARGON PRODUCTS AND PRIOR TO SECOND SHOT,
A MEETING WAS HELD AT [] WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF OSA (WHO
AT THAT TIME WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR ARGON PROGRAM OPERATIONS),
[] OE, AND AMS; IT WAS AGREED THAT (1) [] WOULD NOT
REQUIRE ANY FILM DUPLICATES OF ARGON FILM, (2) NO LONGER WAS THERE
A NEED FOR [] PERSONNEL TO BE PRESENT AT [] IN THAT []
AND AMS PERSONNEL COULD HANDLE FILM CUTTING AND PREPARATION OF 42
MESSAGES, AND (3) [] WOULD, HOWEVER, CONTINUE TO SEND
[] AND 41 MESSAGES TO [] AS A SERVICE OF COMMON CONCERN.

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ON 6 SEPTEMBER 1962, A MEMORANDUM TO THIS EFFECT WAS PROVIDED MR.

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[] WITH INSTRUCTIONS THAT THIS BE CHECKED WITH APPROPRIATE
OFFICIALS AT OSA SO THAT THERE WOULD BE NO MISUNDERSTANDING AS TO
[] INTENTION AND SO THAT IF OSA DID NOT AGREE WITH THIS
STAND THE DIRECTOR OF [] SHOULD BE ADVISED ACCORDINGLY IN
WRITING. SINCE OSA AGREED FULLY WITH THE FOREGOING, NO FURTHER
ACTION WAS TAKEN. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT [] DID NOT HAVE
PERSONNEL AT [] DURING PROCESSING OF SECOND ARGON MSN.

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3. [] HOWEVER, READILY APPRECIATES WHY QUESTION NOW ARISES,
IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT NO FOLLOW-UP ACTION WAS TAKEN TO CHANGE
AGREED RESPONSIBILITIES SET FORTH IN REF C.

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4. THEREFORE, RECOMMEND THAT REF C, BE CHANGED TO
ASSIGN RESPONSIBILITY FOR PREPARATION OF [] TO AMS REPRESENTA-
TIVE AT [] RATHER THAN TO [] ESPECIALLY SINCE AMS RE-
PRESENTATIVE AT [] HAS PREPARED [] MESSAGE FOR MISSIONS
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END OF MESSAGE

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